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IN THE APPLICATION OF:

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Growth Factor And Vascular
Endothelial Growth Factor Receptor
Gene Expression Using Short
Interfering Nucleic Acid (siNA)

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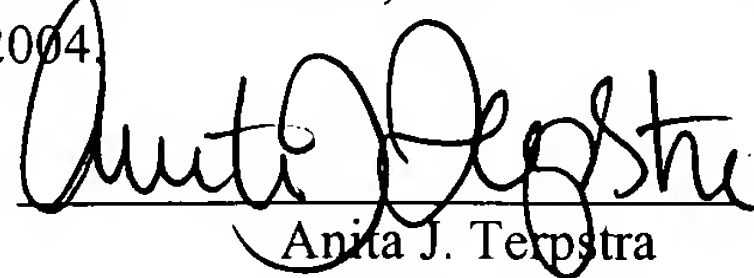
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendments before examination on the merits. It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing; however, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

Conclusion is on page 9 of this paper.